

## **CHAPTER SIX: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE**

### **Subchapter One: General**

#### **6.01.010 Definitions.**

The definition of words and phrases contained in the Vehicle Code of the State of California shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and shall apply to such words and phrases used herein as though set forth herein in full.

*[History: formerly § 6.101; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]*

#### **6.01.020 Violation.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this subchapter shall be an infraction, which shall be punishable as set forth in section 1.05.010 et seq.

*[History: formerly § 6.102; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05, ORD. 643, 4/12/06]*

*[Reference: Vehicle Code § 42001]*

#### **6.01.030 Persons Authorized to Direct Traffic.**

The Chief of Police, his deputies, and the officers of the Police Department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by means of visible or audible signals and it shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a traffic or police officer. It shall be unlawful for any person to direct or attempt to direct traffic unless authorized to do so by order of the Chief of Police.

*[History: formerly § 6.103; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]*

*[Reference: Vehicle Code § 21100]*

#### **6.01.040 Signal Placement.**

The Council shall, by resolution, determine and designate the place of all official warnings and direction signals and signs. Subject to this selection, the Police Department is hereby authorized, and as those signs require hereunder, it shall be its duty, to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official warning and direction signs and signals. All signs authorized and required hereunder for a particular purpose shall be uniform.

No provision of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforceable against the alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, the sign herein required is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinary observant person.

*[History: formerly § 6.104; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]*

[Reference: Vehicle Code § 21100]

#### **6.01.050 Signal Obedience.**

It shall be unlawful for any operator or pedestrian to disobey the instructions of any mechanical or electrical traffic signal, traffic sign, or marks upon the street placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

No public utility or department in this Town shall erect or place any barrier or sign unless of a type first approved by the Council. It shall be unlawful for any operator or pedestrian to disobey the instructions of any structure or barrier or sign approved as above provided, erected or placed by a public utility or any department of this Town.

[History: formerly § 6.105; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.060 Signal Color Designation.**

Whenever traffic at any intersection is required by a stop-and-go mechanical or electrical signal the following colors may be used and one other, and those colors herein authorized shall be indicated as follows:

Red, or the word *Stop*, except in flashing signals, requires that traffic shall stop and remain standing;

Green, or the word *Go*, requires that traffic shall move and continue in motion except when stopped for the purpose of avoiding an accident or in the event of other emergency or when stopped at the command of a police officer;

Amber shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When amber is shown, no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or go signal is shown.

The ringing of a bell in connection with any mechanical or electrical signal shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When such bell is sounded, no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or go signal is given.

[History: formerly § 6.106; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.070 Crosswalks.**

The Police Department is hereby authorized and required to establish and maintain and to designate upon the surface of the roadway by appropriate devices, marks, or white lines cross-walks at all places where, in its opinion, there is a danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway.

[History: formerly §, 6.107; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.080 Unauthorized Signals or Signs.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to establish any device other than an official warning or direction sign or signal erected under competent authority upon or in view of a street which purports to be or is an imitation or resembles an official warning or direction sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or the actions of operators, and any such prohibited device shall be a public nuisance, and the Police Department may remove it or cause it to be removed without notice.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, or interfere with any official warning or direction sign or signal.

[History: formerly § 6.108; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.090 Emergency Vehicles.**

The provisions of this chapter regulating the movement and standing of vehicles shall not apply to ambulances, fire department, or of a public utility while the driver of any such vehicle is engaged in the necessary performance of emergency duties.

[History: formerly § 6.109; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.100 Private Roads.**

The provisions of the Vehicle Code of the State of California shall apply to the said privately owned and maintained road, hereinafter described; which road is generally held open to the public for the purposes of vehicular travel to serve commercial establishments. Said road is particularly described on Exhibit "B", which exhibit is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

The provisions of the Vehicle Code of the State of California shall also apply to the privately owned and maintained roads of the Colma Heights Townhouse and Office Association complex, more particularly described on Exhibit "C", which exhibit is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein, and which roads are partly held open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel to serve commercial establishments, and partly are private roads not open to public use.

[History: formerly § 6.110; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 423, 06/12/91; ORD. 451, 4/14/93; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]

#### **6.01.110 Special No-parking Zones; Removal of Vehicles.**

(a) The City Engineer is authorized to establish special zones on any public right-of-way in the Town of Colma for a purpose other than the normal flow of traffic or for the movement of equipment, articles, or structures of unusual size, such as for construction purposes, where the parking of any vehicle would prohibit or interfere with the use of movement. A Special Zone No- parking Zone shall be marked with a conspicuous sign posted in the nearby area.

(b) No person may park, stand or stop any vehicle in a special zone. The penalty for violation of this section shall be \$15.00, and the vehicle may be removed pursuant to the following paragraph.

(c) Any peace officer or any regularly employed and salaried employee of the Town of Colma may remove any vehicle that is parked in a special zone in violation of this section, provided that a sign giving notice that the vehicle might be removed has been in place in the special zone at least 24 hours prior to the removal of the vehicle.

[*History.* formerly § 6.111, ORD. 595, 9/11/02; ORD. 638, 12/14/05]